

China's Combat Aircraft  
Along the Sino-Soviet Border

Fighters

1 January 1979

MIG-15/17	793
MIG-19	1,311
MIG-21	41
Total	<u>2,145</u>

Fighter-Bombers

F-9	303
Total	<u>303</u>

Bombers

TU-16	75
IL-28	201
Total	<u>276</u>

Total Force

2,724

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Tactical Aviation Combat Aircraft  
in the Eastern USSR

Counter Air

1 January 1979

MIG-23 Flogger	180
MIG-21 Fishbed	260
Total	<u>440</u>

Ground Attack

SU-24 Fencer	70
SU-17 Fitter	270
MIG-27 Flogger	105
MIG-21 Fishbed	165
YAK-28 Brewer	35
Total	<u>645</u>

Reconnaissance/Electronic Warfare

MIG-25 Foxbat	45
MIG-21 Fishbed	95
IL-28 Beagle	25
YAK-28 Brewer	55
IL-20 Coot	5
Total	<u>225</u>

Total Force 1,310

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Strategic Air Defense Interceptors  
in the Eastern USSR

Older Models

1 January 1979

MIG-17 Fresco	70
MIG-19 Farmer	0
SU-9/11 Fishpot	70
YAK-28 Firebar	65
 <b>Total</b>	 <u>205</u>

Newer Models

TU-128 Fiddler	85
SU-15 Flagon	295
MIG-23 Flogger	100
MIG-25 Foxbat	35
 <b>Total</b>	 <u>515</u>
 <b>Total Force</b>	 <u>720</u>

Strategic Bombers  
in the Eastern USSR

Long-Range Bombers

1 January 1979

M-type Bison	40
TU-95 Bear	45
<b>Total</b>	<u>85</u>

Backfire

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Intermediate-Range Bombers

TU-16 Badger	125
TU-22 Blinder	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>125</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>215</u>